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British troops on patrol pass a charred bus left by

rioters Munday in the Northern Ireland city of

Belfast. Days of protest have rocked Ulster in res-

Today's Weather

It will continue hot, with some medium and high clouds and northeasterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, it will be hazy, with northerly moderate

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Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 30, Aqaba 35. Sunsei ionight: 6:11 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:57 a.m.

Date to be announced

J.S. decides to sell **AWACS** to Saudis

ASHINGTON, April 21 (A.P.) — The ninistration of President Ronald Reagan decided to sell Saudi Arabia conversial AWACS flying command posts as Il as F-15 jet fighter equipment but has not ided when, congressional sources said

sources, who asked not to The ntified, said that was to be nced shortly.

y said the sale, subject to v Congress, will include five me Warning and Control .. 1 planes despite heavy oppin Congress to that parpart of the sale.

y said it will also include inder air-to-air missiles and ange fuel tanks for 62 F-15 thers the Saudis already

in order. gress has 30 days after it ic formal proposal to veto Walfie File, if it should so decide. ould require votes against it the House and Senate.

"te House Deputy Press Sec-Larry Speakes today would v. The decision has been He did not deny that the · vuld go through, and he said istration officials have :::: informal consultations with

bi, Eanes Operation Lisbon Operation April 21 (R) — Arab Secretary General Chadli

met Portuguese President Mo Ramalho Eanes and lunwith Prime Minister Fra-VPinto Balsema today, the day of his official visit to

leader Yasser Arafat visrtugal in 1979 and was rec-

the administration's campaign for congressional approval of the president's economic package, Mr. Speakes replied, "I don't believe that any debate on the Saudi arms sales would interfere with the president's economic programme."

Secretary of State Alexander Haig has warned Saudi Arabia that the entire U.S.-Saudi arms package could be jeopardised if Riyadh continues to push for the

This does not sit well with the

to Saudi Arahia on his trip there two weeks ago, sources said yes-

to the warning on a Sunday television interview programme:

the sale, saying the AWACS plunes, which can control air strikes and monitor air traffic from 400 kilometres away, would leave it "naked" in any future war with Arab countries.

The administration has said Americans would crew the planes until 1985, and Sheikh Yamani said his country would not fight

legin orders study f W. Bank tension

AVIV. April 21 (A.P.) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem has ordered an investigation of reports of worsening tension en Arabs and Jews living in the occupied West Bank, Israeli I forces radio said today.

... Begin spokesman confirmed the probe was ordered but said worst recent incidents have been reported in Hebron, where h squatters have occupied a building in the centre of the Arab The Arah residents complain their Jewish neighbours threaten with weapons, throw stones and set vicious dogs on them.

> a reports of Jewish harassment of Arabs, extensively covered by el Aviv daily Haaretz, have provoked protests from Israeli ils. Former foreign minister Abba Eban said vesterday that "if reports are true, then something must be done." He said he

> 2 Juws deny the charges, saying it is the Arahs who are behaving

crviewed on Israel television last week, Mr. Begin accused the of presenting "an inflated, unnatural, unreal picture" of the tion.

said that "in general relations are very good" between Jews and s, and never worse than between different ethnic groups anyelse in the world."

Begin is Israel's acting defence minister, which puts him dir-in chrage of Israel's 14-year-old occupation of the West Bank.

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congressional leaders about the

Asked if a sale would hamper

command-post aircraft.

Mr. Haig conveyed his warning

Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, responded We got a promise from this government that it will be done and we think it will be done...we should have it as a one-package deal."

of the UAE. Israel has strongly objected to After a brief official reception ceremony at the airport, Mrs. Thatcher and her entourage were driven to a downtuwn hotel. She will be hosted later at a state banquet by UAE ruler Sheikh Zaved Ibn Sultan Al Nahayyan.

The British prime minister flew in from Saudi Arabia after a three-day visit during which she met with King Khaled and held talks with Crown Prince Fahd. Police tightened security for

Mrs. Thatcher's visit today after an explosion in a Dubai hotel, British sources said. Two hotel workers died in the

and Middle East talks,

Mrs. Thatcher was met at Abu

Dhabi airport by Sheikh Rashid

Ibn Saeed Al Maktoum, ruler of

Dubai, the second largest member

blast last night. The British consulate-general said she was not scheduled to visit the Hyatt Regency Hotel where the explosion occurred. (Story on page 5)

Mrs. Thatcher stressed Britain's readiness to sell the Saudis arms to bolster their own defences against threats to the security of the Gulf and its oil fields.

"I have made it clear we would be happy to supply certain things. We would be happy to supply tanks. We would like more orders," Mrs. Thatcher told a news conference before leaving Riyadh

Mrs. Thatcher said she hoped the Saudi air force would replace existing British training planes with the new Hawk jet trainer, while she was also asked if she had promoted the Anglo-German Tornado multi-role combat air-

She said Brhain was considering design of a newer warplane for the 1990s which would be the first

after repeating pro-RDF views ABU DHABI, April 21 (Age- designed with the ideas of pot- asked us to use it," Mrs. Thatcher ncies) - British Prime Minister

An independent Arab political daily publ

Relic of a riot

ential foreign buyers in mind. Margaret Thatcher arrived here She said "two or three pieces of today on the second leg of her tour technology in Tornado" intcrested Saudi Arahia, in the copof Gulf Arab states for bilateral text of the proposed follow-on air-

Thatcher starts Abu Dhabi visit

The prime minister spoke of the warmth of her welcome in Saudi Arabia and insights gained into its views on the Arah-Israeli dispute. whild adding that she did not expect much movement on that until after the Israeli elections and completion of a review of U.S. Middle East policy by the Reagan

administration. Mrs. Thatcher reiterated support for the idea of a U.S.-led Rapid Deployment Force which would be available to defend the Gulf against any Soviet or other

But she made clear it was not suggested such a force would be used unless invited in hy states of

The idea was not to set up bases and the force was most likely to take the form of a group of forces carmarked and properly trained for deployment in a threatened area, she said.

"It would be good contingency planning to have a Rapid Deployment Force for use if countries

ponse to the worsening condition of Bobby Sands, a

27-year-old anti-British guerrilla on hunger strike

in prison since March 1. (AP wirephoto)

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an Press Foundation

Saudi officials have said Saudi Arahia does not like the idea, a view put to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Rivadh earlier this month.

Mrs. Thaicher described her talks with the Saudi crown prince as "very fruitful and con-

She said her talks in Saudi Arabia covered bilateral relations, defence matters, the situation in the Gulf and the Middle East, the Arah-Israeli struggle and East-West rivalry.

In reply to a reporter's question. the prime minister said Britain had recognised, at the Venice conference of Western European leaders last June, the rights of the Palestinians to selfdetermination, "provided the Palestinians recognised Israel's rights to existence within secure bou-

"These two elements are necessary to open the way for a settlement in the area," she was quoted as saying.
Earlier, UAE papers warned

Mrs. Thatcher against any interference in the internal matters of the UAE federation.

Gulf pollution talks start

KUWAIT, April 21 (A.P.) --Ministers and senior officials from eight Gulf oil-producing countries opened a three-day meeting here today to appraise their threeyear-old drive to comhat marine pollution in the area and lay down. a plan for protecting the Gulf's marine environment.

The first ministerial meeting of the Council of the Regional Organisation for Protection of the Marine Environment came only three days after a similar meeting by experts from the eight countries discussed technical aspects task.

on the agenda.

A provisional secretariat for the regional organisation bad been set up during a meeting held in Kuwait in 1978, and began its activities from its Kuwait headquarters in July, 1980. Opening the meeting, Kuwaiti

Minister of Public Health Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Awadhi said, "The region's government and peoples attach special importance" to the organisation. "which we all bave to support in order to enable it to carry out its

Amman-bound jet arrives safely

3 airliners flee Beirut under mortar barrage

BEIRUT, April 21 (A.P.) — International Airport today as jetliners took off from Beirut illery and rocket fire.

Airport officials said the three Boeing 727 jets of Middle East Zahle came under Syrian bom-Airlines, Lebanon's national carrier, departed in rapid succession, each carrying about 100 pas-

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 rivals; UAE 1.50 dirbams; Great Britain 25 pence

"Are you all right, we saw some smoke from the bursting shells as you took off." airport sources heard an air traffic controller radio to one of the jets.

"It's OK, they missed us," replied the pilot.

The last plane had to take off with lights out to avert mortar gunners, whose shells kept getting closer to the departure runway, the officials said.

Public Works Minister Elias Hrawi today ordered the airport at the capital's southern edge closed to international traffic as of 0600 GMT until further notice, He ordered it reopened five hours later but warning shells kept the airport, one of the busiest in the Middle East, at a standstill until nightfall. The airport is controlled by Syrian forces.

The facility was closed for the night after the three flights left but officials plan to return to normal operations tomorrow unless the shelling continues.

Two other flights that were to take off later were delayed until tomorrow as airline and airport employees raced out to safer neigbbourhoods in the capital, the officials added.

The Syrian-rightist exchanges scared about 100,000 inhabitants on both sides of Beirut's mid-city 'Green Line" into basements and bomb shelters. The fighting then spread to the eastern suburb of Hadass, where Syrian units and Lehanese regular forces battled wiin tocket-dro mortars and machine guns, a Beirut police spokesman reported.

He said 17 Lebanese soldiers were wounded in the ongoing Hadass clashes. Three other Lebanese soldiers were killed and 14 wounded in a clash with Syrian peacekeeping troops near the eity's closed horse race track, the spokesman added.

Residents reached by telephone

With mortar shells exploding Syrian forces and Lebanese rigaround them, three Lebanese htist militias traded mid-city art-

> pressed population of 150,000 to return to underground wine cellars, basements and bomb she-

"We can't take any more," said decisively against Lebanon-

said the eastern Lebanese city of Lebanon" border enclave. Provincial authorities reported five bardment, forcing the hard- Lebanese villagers were killed and 15 wounded.

Israel's state radio said Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his top aides have resolved to "act Mrs. Dalal Kassouf, a mother of based commandos and "strike at

'I expected to be shot,' says a relieved jet pilot

By Radwan Abu Faraj Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 21 — The pilot of a Lebanese airliner who took off from Beirut tonight under shellfire told the Jordan Times: "I was afraid... I expected to be shot at the airport.'

'The government of Lebanon asked me and two other captains to take off from the airport," the Lebanese pilot said. The other planes were bound for Jeddah and for Abu Dhabi and Kuwait, he

About 20 shells landed on or near the airport yesterday and today, he said, but caused no appreciable damage.

The pilot, who did not wish to be identified, landed his Middle East Airlines Boeing 727 at Amman Airport at 7 p.m. tonight. It had left Beirut at 6 p.m., an hour ahead of schedule. Of the 89 passengers aboard, the majority were from Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon, he said.

The pilot brought his wife and children with him. "I was very happy as I was flying over Amman," he said. His family plans to enjoy the attractions of Agaba and Petra after the strife in the Lebanese capital.

an 18-month-old baby, when rea-ched by telephone in her basement apartment in Zahle. "Let's die and get it over with."

Zable's population spent eight straight days and nights in shelters during fighting from April 1 to 8 between Syrian besiegers and Zahle's right-wing Falangist Party militia garrison. The International iterranean coast for the second Red Cross bas managed to get two time in three days. The governor's food supply convoys to the beleaguered city and bring out 42 a 14-year-old girl were killed wounded natives since a ceasefire was proclaimed 13 days ago.

In southern Lebanon, meanwhile, long-range artillery duels flared through the day between aeli-backed militias of the "Free and other sections.

the terrorists wherever they can be reached." Palestinian rockets fired from

Lebanon into northern Israel wounded one civilian, prompting Israeli gunners to return the fire, the military command said. Border militia gunners sbelled

the port city of Sidon on the medoffice said a five-year-old boy and when a shell slammed into an old building housing refugees from southern Lebanon.

The office reported 14 other people were injured as about 10 Palestinian commandos and Isr- shells struck at the city's barbour

2 die in Tehran University riots

TEHRAN, April 21 (R) - Two people were killed and more than 20 wounded in incidents at Tehran University yesterday involving left-wing militants and supporters of Iran's fundamentalist Islamic leadership, officials said today.

The officials said a man and a girl died in the incidents and hospital sources said 21 people were detained for treatment. Five underwent surgery for knife and other

Newspapers said the incidents

They said 200 members of the

took place after a demonstration demanding the reopening of the university, closed at the start of a strict Islamic and anti-leftist "cultural revolution" launched a year

extreme-left Paykar group who staged the demonstration clashed with groups of "Hezbollahi," members of the so-called "Party of God' and militant supporters of hard-line government leaders. Several newspapers said a young demonstrator had tried to

throw a home-made grenade bu that it had exploded prematurely. injuring her and some of her companions.

pital, where they gave false names, and some of them were detained. According to the newspapers, Paykar members then tried to rescue their colleagues by putting on overalls and posing as medical

The injured were taken to hos-

More scuffles developed, during which another grenade was thrown, killing the man and woman, the newspapers said.

hosts of the past cloud Schmidt's planned Saudi visit

NN, April 21 (A.P.) - Chancellor Hel-Schmidt travels Monday to Saudi Arabia 2 visit important to future Western intts in the Gulf, but overshadowed somat by moral issues of the past.

Schmidt will become the third major western official to visit Arabia this month, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig the country April 7, followed two weeks later by British Prime er Margaret Thatcher.

Saudis, who are already facing political roadblocks in pur-g American surveillance aircraft, have expressed interest in 1 some 300 German-huilt Leopard II tanks and hundreds of armored vehicles. formal request to purchase the weapons has been made. West

an officials insist, although they concede the Saudis have expinterest in the equipment. already the proposed sale has been sburply criticised in Israel. senior politicians have raised the ghost of the Nazi past in

the Bonn government to block the deal. e West German politicians, including members of Mr. . Jt's own Social Democratic Party, have also protested, citing utional restrictions on weapons sales to "areas of tension." month the influential SPD chapter in Mr. Schmidt's homof Hamburg passed a resolution opposing the sale. West an newspapers, quoting unidentified government sources, say a

ecision on the sale is unlikely before Mr. Schmidt's visit. eli Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zippori summed up vernment's view on the proposed sale, telling a radio int-

th the United States, we must do the best we can. But our ent with the Germans is much more profound, with serious dimensions... has the blood spilled by Germany already been



Chancellor Helmut Schmidt

West Germany's largest Jewish organisation, the Central Council of Jews in Germany, has insisted publicly that the government block the sale as long as Saudi Arabia refuses to recognise Israel's right to

"When the government there shows that it is prepared to understand the reality of the state of Israel, then West Germany and the West can guarantee the security of that country," said Mr. Werner Nachmann, the council's chairman.

Mr. Nachmann, in a recent radio interview, urged the chancellor to use bis "strong position in Saudi Arabia" to promote peace in the The flap over the weapons deal has also proven embarrassing to

Mr. Schmidt and his SPD, which has cultivated close ties with Israel's opposition Labour Party as a sign of Bonn's good faith in rejecting the Nazi past. But at the same time, the West German government wants to develop closer ties with the Arab World, both to guarantee oil

deliveries and as a market for German products. West Germany imports more than 90 per cent of its petroleum needs. The Bonn government believes the weapons sale would not only help one of the West's few friends in the Gulf, but also expand West

German influence in the region. So far this year, West German firms have landed 10 billion marks (\$5 billion) worth of orders from Arab countries. With a record 28 billion mark (\$14 billion) current accounts deficit last year, the West

Germans are eager for new foreign markets. With so much at stake, the government has begun a low-key public relations campaign aimed at enhancing the Saudi's image within

Finance Minister Hans Matthoefer issued a statement over the weekend declaring that "the tradition friendly contacts between West Germany and Saudi Arabia have developed further in the past years on the full breadth of economic and political relations." Mr. Schmidt, meanwhile, in an interview with Saudi newspapers

distributed in West Germany, praised Saudi Arabia as a "prominent

factor for stability" in the Middle East. Mr. Schmidt will remain in Saudi Arabia until April 29.

S. Africa saboteurs blast power station

DURBAN, South Africa, April 21 (R) - Saboteurs wrecked two transformers here today with bombs, cutting power supplies south of this port city and forcing bundreds of factories to stay closed today, police said.

The explosions shattered equipment at the sub-station in the Lamontville black township caused over \$2.5 million worth of damages, a government spokesman said. Police said no one was hurt. They said they believed limpet mines

were used by the saboteurs who cut through a security fence. In June last year saboteurs used limpet mines in attacks on South Africa's top secret oil-from-coal plants, causing damage estimated at over \$8 million.

BANKING SUPPLEMENT

The Jordan Times is publishing a special BANKING SUPPLEMENT next week. Advertisements for it will be accepted until April 26. For all queries about the supplement please contact.

Irshad Najam, at telephone 67171-4 Amman, (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.)

NATIONAL

Daniele Scaglioni: disabled artist of great ability

AMMAN, April 21 (J.T.) — Italian artist Daniele Scaglioni arrived here this week to mount an exhibition of his work in Amman.

The exhibition, to be entitled "City of Amman", is being presented by the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund, Yarmouk University and Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline.

Born in Montagnana (Modena) in 1949, Mr. Scaglioni comes from a family repeatedly tried by great sorrows. Painting, to which he has devoted himself since a very early age, has represented the only way to communicate with the world and to relieve his serious disability.

Numerous exhibitions held in the most important centres of Italy and Europe--Milan, Rome, London and Paris--confirm that Mr. Scaglioni holds an important pos-

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Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.

Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.

Arab Pharmaceurical Manufacturing Co.

Total number of shares traded: 120,836

Government Development Bonds

Total volume of shares traded on Tuesday, April 21, 1981:

Livestock and Poultry Co.

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and Investment Co. Jordan Worsied Mills Co.

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Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick

Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co. Jordan Cement Factories Co.

Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.

General Insurance Co.

Jordan Electricity Co.

Arabian Investment

and Investments Co.

Jordan Dairy Co.

Year of Maturity



Daniele Scaglioni

ition among contemporary artists. "Painting," he says, "represents my inner feelings and my way to express my great love of life." Whoever sees his works--the landscapes revealing postimpressionistic features--can discover the true artist behind the disability of the man.

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Dr. Anani lectures on economy

AMMAN, April 21 (Petra) — Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani gave a lecture this evening at the Jordanian Economists' Association about price policy, wages and inf-lation as three major factors affecting the Jordanian eco-

He called for a reviewing of the current policy in pricing various commodities as ser-

Dr. Anani explained the measures which could be adopted to check inflation. After the lecture, which was attended by a large andience, a question period was held.

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Time for dancing: a scene from the Children's Day party organised by the Princess Alia Community College and the Soviet embassy on Tuesday

Israel attempts to block Palestinians from the haj, **Awgaf Ministry charges**

AMMAN. April 21 (Petra) — A to perform the annual pilgrimage statement issued by the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs today accused Israel of creating obstacles to Palestinian Muslims

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in the occupied territories wishing

The Israeli authorities have since 1978 allowed Muslims living in territories occupied in the 1948 war to perform the pilgrimage to

Mecca. Israeli newspapers have rec-ently been publishing allegations that young pilgrims returning home were found to have joined Palestinian commando organisations and to be in possession of arms, the statement said. These allegations, it asserted, are only a pretext intended to prevent Muslims from joining their brethren in performing the pilgrimage, out of hatred of Muslims and their rel-

The statement appealed to Arab and Muslim countries to take steps on the international level to stop Israel from implementing such repressive mea-sures against Palestinian Muslims.

Copies of the statement were sent to all Arah ministries of Islamic affairs, international human rights organisations and information media in the Muslim

Good news for pedestrians

AMMAN, April 21 (J.T.) — The Traffic Department has obtained, and today put into service, portable radar sets that can detect speeders at a distance of one kilometre, Al Ra'i

newspaper reported today.

It said the department has distributed several of the radar sets to traffic policemen, who can carry them by hand. Each of the portable sets, manufactured in West Germany, cost \$1,000, the report said.

Basketball federation meeting starts

AMMAN, April 21 (Petra) - Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar opened here today the sixth general assembly meeting of the Arah Basketball Federation.

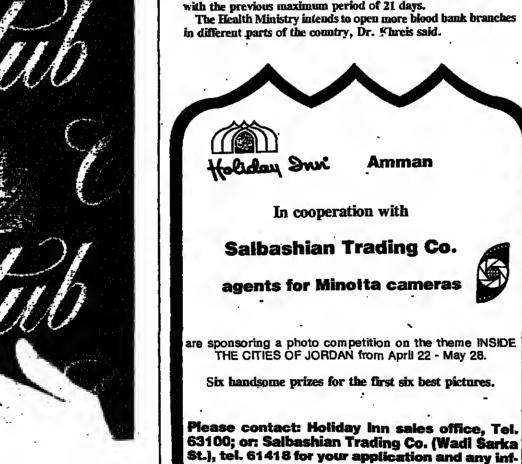
Participants in the two-day meeting will discuss problems faced by the federation and will draw up plans for Arab baskethall tournaments, as well as training courses for Arab teams.

Malhas opens blood bank

AMMAN, April 21 (Petra) - Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas aed a frozen blood bank at Ashrafiyah today.

Dr. Malhas toured the new bank, which is furnished with most modern equipment, and supervised the freezing of the first unit of blood for the bank.

The bank was established to meet the local need for various types of blood, especially rare types, its director, Dr. Yahya Khreis, said. He added that the bank can store some 800 frozen units of blood for periods ranging between five and fifteen years, compared with the previous maximum period of 21 days.



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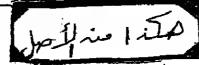
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Islamic festival opens today

AMMAN, April 21 (Petra) -Prime Minister Mudar Badran will open an Islamic festival tomorrow at the Islamic College in Jabal

The festival, to be held on the occasion of National Children's Day, is organised by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. A variety programme of national songs, dabke and Islamic plays will be performed, and token gifts will be distributed to participating chi-Idren, a ministry source said.

Another event on the occasion was organised by the Princess Alia Community College in Amman today, in cooperation with the Soviet Cultural Centre. Some 300 children from Amman kindergartens, and children of the Soviet community in Amman, took part in a variety show of dances, songs and children's games. The participants also saw documentary films on children's activities in the Soviet Union.

Sharif Zai meets **Pakistanis**

AMMAN, April 21 (J The commander-in-ch the Jordanian armed for Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn S today met with a visiting egation from the Pakista ional Defence College Brig. Agha Masoud I for a discussion of bilate

ations. Earlier today, the Pa delegation visited the N Monument in Amman, 🚁 Brig. Hassan watered the of life and recited vers the Koran.

Cement price

AMMAN, April 21 (Petr. price of local cement has b at JD 32 a ton with deliver 30 a ton from the compan in Fuheis, according to a order issued by Minister ustry and Trade Walid A:

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

Exhibitions of children's art work, marking National Chik Day, are on display at the school building in the east wing c-Yarmouk University dorm, and at the Palace of Culture in

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents an exhibition in hono the Soviet leader Lenin. The exhibition opens at 6 p.m., a centre near Third Circle in Jabal Amman,

The American Centre presents an exhibition of paintings drawings of Jerusalem and the Jordanian landscape, by Ivy N The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the centre's itorium, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

The Jordan distribution Agency presents an exhibition of S-books in Arabic and English, covering various subjects, as we a wide range of children's books. Opening daily at 10 a.m. a University of Jordan.

The Jordan Engineers' Association presents an exhibition of

work of Jordanian architects, at the Professional Associa: Complex in Shmeisani.

The Franco-Jordanian Friendship Association, in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, presents and ibition of "Tapestries of Madaba and the Handicraft Industr Jordan", at the French Cultural Centre in Jabal Luweibdel...

The Spanish Embassy presents an exhibition of Spanish pain. depicting the fountains in the public squares of Madrid, at mouk University in Irbid.

Film

The Goethe Institute presents the children's film "Stepher the White Birds". The film will be shown at the Holy Institute for the Deaf in Salt, at 7 p.m. (in German, with Er

Medical lecture

The Irbid Medical Association, in cooperation with Yar University, presents a lecture in medicine entitled "Hypoth. Pituitary Adrenal Access". The lecture will be given by Dr. 5 Mahmoud, who teaches at the Medical School of the Univer. Baghdad, at 6 p.m., at Yarmouk University Medical School

Videotape programme

The French Cultural Centre presents "Thalassa; Securite itime: Le rail d'Ouessant, le point sur le Tanio", at 5 p.m. an mystere Frontenac" at 6 p.m. The programme will be shown centre in Jahal Luweibdeh.

Ministry of Transport QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL **PORT**

The Special Tendering Committee for QF. wishes to invite tenders for the manufac and delivery to the airport site of the follow vehicles:

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Grand opening on Thursday Shakespeare's England: a British Council gala

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end the gardeo party at the British

Council offices. During the day

there will be live performances on

an open air stage of some Sha-

kespearean pieces, recorded

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Shakespearean age, costumes,

The exhibition itself will run

until May 14, and will open to the

general public on April 28. But

Shakespearean events will oot be

restricted to the British Council

building. There is to be a gala aft-

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Man Theatre will perform the Ides

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Arts Ceotre, there will be scenes

from Shakespeare performed in

both English and Arabic by the

Haya Ceotre players; music will

The following day, at the Haya

pictures, models and booklets.

By Phyllis Hughes Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 21 — Administration manat JD 524 yer Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare has followed in Fine technical career rather than a literary one. in Full technical career rauser man a man a series technical career rauser man a man n-Avon. And he has lived in the Middle East iOINGpr 27 years.

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That is a sman transfer, and ulation of over 54 million, and ems probable that there is a somewhere," Mr. Shapeare, who works for the U.N. peare, who works Agency for Palne Refugees (UNRWA), told Jordan Times.

dthough be himself has oo leags as a writer or poet, an uncle fascinated by the family coo-Openium tion, and tried to establish a, inite link - but without any crete success.

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- nersday. hey will select the lucky oum-Commenced to students members of the British Cou-. The prize is a trip to Eogland,. the a two-day visit to Londoo and two-day trip to Stratford-

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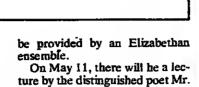
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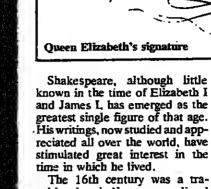


Leonard Clark. The exhibition covers many aspects of Shakespeare, his work and Elizabethan England, There will be information about the theatre of that time, poetry and language, music and even science and

The glory that was England: Queen Elizabeth in procession



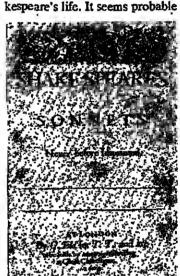
Portrait of the Bard by an unknown artist



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In this atmosphere William Shakespeare was born in the small Midlands town of Stratford-oo-Avon, in 1564. His father. John Shakespeare, was a businessman and a promineot citizen. and his mother, Mary Arden, came from a leading local family.





Title page of a 1609 edition of Sha-

Portraits by Nicholas Hilliard: above, man clasping a hand from a cloud (1588; below, Alice Hilliard





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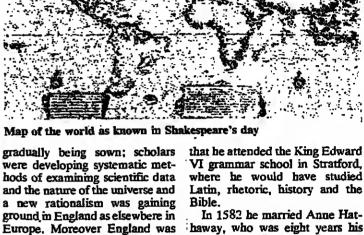
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Little is known about Sha-

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Organise and eat

THE NATIONAL Consultative Council's special committee's report assessing the new five-year development plan has rightly stressed the importance of investments in agriculture; but we feel it has evaded the central deficiencies that have plagued Jordan's agricultural sector for the past several decades. To call for the provision of better seeds, chemicals and other inputs, the availability of more credit, the expansion of extension services and the adoption of policies to prevent the fragmentation of farmland into small plots is all very sensible -- but these same calls have been issued regularly ever since Jordan started tackling agricultural development in the 1930s and 40s. The underlying weakness in our agricultural sector is not seeds or credit or any other single issue. It is the absence of a national strategy that ties in the overall food requirements of the country with the free enterprise instincts of our farmers. In short, the key to "food security" is an appropriate marketing strategy based on our own food needs, and not on predominantly export-oriented fruit and vegetable production whose impact on our food balance is minor. The farmers themselves should be encouraged by pricing policies to grow the food and raise the livestock that we consume in Jordan. This requires better organisation and coordination among farmers themselves, and an activist government incentives policy to prod integration among the cereals, fruits and vegetables and livestocking sectors, to feed agro-industries based on local output and

local demand. The elements are there. The organisation is

Murder in broad daylight

The killing of a young bedowin woman by an Israeli soldier on Feb. 26 has deeply shaken the bedouin community inside Israel. Sabiha Al Azazmeh, a mother of six, was sitting in the back of her husband's pick-up truck with her baby daughter when a soldier, ordered to expel the bedouins from their encampment, opened fire on her. He later said that he had only meant to frighten the family.

The incident has exacerbated the growing tension between the Israeli authorities and the 57,000 strong bedouin community. These bedouins are Israeli citizens, and are widely regarded as loyal to the state. Nevertheless, Israel does not recognise the tribes' ownership of many of the camp sites on which they have been living for generations, or their need for grazing land. Many sites have been turned into army training areas, often in preparation for their hand-over to new seltlements.

Recently, there has been an upsurge in incidents involving soldiers using live bullets in order to assert Israeli rights over hitherto bedouin areas, but Sabiha Al Azazmeh was the first bedouin to be killed in such circumstances. Her death is expected profoundly to change the politics of the bedouin community. An indication of this change was the large bedouin participation, for the first time ever, in a rally held recently by the Communist Party, Rakah, to commemorate the victim.

Report in Ha'aretz, March 6,

How hurt we Israelis pretend to be when our opponents accuse us of anything, but how indifferent we turned out to be when an Israeli Defence Force (IDF) soldier shot dead a roother of six in hroad daylight, as she was holding an eight-month-old bahy on her lap.

The dead woman had not threatened the soldier, nor had she

so. Why then in this case? The answer is only too simple: because the victim, Sabiha Al Azazmeh, was a bedouin.

None of the papers I have read criticised the shooting or expressed any surprise at the fact that soldiers were being sent on patrol duties to the heart of Israel with their fingers on the trigger. There were no reports of any members raising the matter in the Knesset. The newspapers, almost without exception, blurred or played down the gravity of the offence.

According to one evening aper, the bedouin woman was killed "during the clearance of a flock of sheep", as if it had been some sort of work accident. It sounded as if this was the kind of activity during which people regularly get killed, as when they go hunting. As usual, the papers used the sterile term "clearance". which suggests almost positive, constructive associations, such as in slum clearance. But what we are actually dealing with is the forceful expulsion of Israeli citizens, the confiscation of their herds and the hurning of their tents.

Another paper reported that the bedouin woman had heen killed in what was described as an "army firing range". This sounded

through the air. But this was not so. The woman was living on the site together with her family.

As usual, the woman's death will be written off as a regrettable accident. The army will claim that it was due to a misunderstanding, or that someone was acting consomething else would require an explanation: how did a soldier dare to aim his weapon at a civilian car while he was on routine duty? He was not hunting terrorists, murderers or drug dealers; instead he was threatening the owners of a

flock of sheep.

The only possible explanation is that this soldier was acting in a way widely believed to be acceptable towards the Naqab bedouins. Somehow they are the kind of people one is allowed to shoot. Perhaps not in order to kill, but in order to scare. The bedouins have been regarded as enemies for a number of years now. The soldier who killed the hedouin woman almost within sight of the first houses of Beersheha may have acted on his own initiative or he may have been obeying orders,

as if she had hroken through a but be would not have done either fence into an IDF training site, in had it not been for the poisonous which live hullets were buzzing atmosphere now prevalent in the Nagab - and not only there but also in Jerusalem. Those affected by this mood have not just been. some distance from them and soldiers and members of the could not hear what they were Green Patrol hut also, and more importantly, our politicians and military commanders.

The soldier, who claimed to trary to his orders, and this may be have shot the woman unitrue. However, even if it is true, ntentionally, has been detained for interrogation. I presume he has since been released until his trial. Any kind of punishment imposed on him will almost cer-tainly be reduced by the chief of to do that?", I asked. "Because staff, whose habit of pardoning the killers of Arahs perhaps illustrates the present mood better than anything else. And he, too, can only behave in the way he does because of the prevailing public ind-

> ifference When I read of the death of the bedouin woman last week I did not, to my shame, regard the event huilding they were guarding, the as in any way extraordinary. Per- hastion of Israeli democracy, of haps I would have forgotten it alt- our freedom and the rule of law. I ogether, like most people, had 1 shivered, not passed the Knesset the next day. On the lawn outside its gates stood some thirty Arah students

shouting protest slogans against the killing, against the activities of the Green Patrol, against Rabbi Kahane's attacks on Arab students and other things. As I stood shouting. I asked two soldiers in neat blue uniforms who were guarding the Knesset: "Who is demonstrating? What do they want?"

One of them replied: "Never

mind what they want. Pity we didn't finish them off in 1948." The second soldier added: "Beasts. It's not too late to finish them they are Arabs", replied the first, "But the brother of the dead bedouin woman serves in the Israeli. army like many others from the Al-Azazmeh tribe", I argued. 'Who cares? said the second one. Their fresh young faces shone in the wind that was blowing through the gates behind which stood the

Amos Elon

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

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taken part in a violent dem-

onstration. When she was killed.

she had been sitting quietly in the

back of an open pick-up truck.

which was driving off. Nor were

the shots fired in some border

zone, but in the heart of Israel, on

this side of the Green Line, about

seven miles south of Beersheha. If

a woman has been shot dead hy

police on the road to Ramot (in

Jerusalem), would we have been

just as indifferent? I don't think

AL RA'I: The dangers posed by the Israeli project to open a canal connecting the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea have become clear. This project must be confronted not with mere denunciation and condemnation, but through a unified Arah stand capable of foiling the new Israeli aggression, which is no less dangerous than that of 1967.

Jordan has hastened to expose the dangers of the project, and declared it an aggressive act directed against Jordan. It also reserved the right to take the appropriate measures, and warned everyone who might participate in financing the project or supporting it with technical expertise.

Needless to say, Jordan's clear and-firm stand should be a prelude to a similar Arah stand. Among the ideas which should be considered is that the Arab League should issue a proclamation warning against cooperation with Israel in implementing this project, because it would be aggression against all Arab states; and notification that those who cooperate in implementing the project will be subject to the provisions and rules governing the Arab

AL DUSTOUR: The crisis which UNRWA is trying to fabricate by

its intention to terminate its educational services on the pretext of a lack of financial resources is closely linked with the international political situation, represented in the failure of the international community to restrain Israeli aggression, and the United States' insistence on supporting and protecting this aggression.

This is why Prime Minister Mudar Badran announced yesierday that Jordan will continue its political efforts on the intemational level to confront these measures.

Jordan's rejection of the termination of UNRWA's services is hased on the belief that the international community should shoulder its responsibility towards the Palestinian refugees, the failure to do which would complement the role being performed by the Israeli enemy, in addition to the fact that this would entail extra financial hurdens for Jordan.

The Arabs should act quickly and firmly to confront the attempt to liquidate UNRWA, because it is part of the plan to liquidate the Palestinian cause.

In this connection, we appeal to the concerned parties, particularly the Arab League, to convene an Arab conference to tackle this issue decisively.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

1 refer to the report in your issue of April 20, concerning the meeting held by Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA affairs in Jordan, with representatives of the agency's staff in Jordan. I was present at this meeting and I wish to correct your report that the meeting was heated. It was not. Furthermore, the purpose of the meeting was not to state that termination notices would be issued to the teaching staff this month unless funds arrive, but to advise the staff representatives that, as a result of additional funds having been received in the last few weeks, there had been an improvement in the agency's financial situation. As a consequence, the agency's administration would be reviewing the effect of these con-tributions and also the prospects of further additional contributions being received in the near future. In the light of this review, the agency's administration would be taking decisions concerning the feasibility of continuing the agency's school proglammes in Jordan and Syria. Mr. Tanner is attending these discussions in Vienna.

1 should also like to make it quite clear that the staff representatives

were informed that the agency's administration was doing, and would continue doing, everything it could do avoid the closing of any part of the agency's school programme. It was fully recognised by the agency's administration that such a step would create a very serious humanitarian and political problem. The agency's administration and the staff hold identical Yours faithfully,

> Public Information Officer, UNRWA/Jordan

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, APR. 22, 1981

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Unless you get carried away from present goals by a new course of action, you can achieve much of value today. Stick to proven methods for best results at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 2I to Apr. 19) Find a better way of handling your responsibilities and they are soon behind you. Meet expectations of loved one. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Avoid an outside foe and

be more concerned with improving business affairs. Study every angle of a new project. GEMINI (May 2I to June 21) Take time to confer with

associates and exchange clever ideas. They can be of help to you at this time. Be poised.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take steps to improve the relationship with loved one. A new contact can bring many benefits your way. . LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Take a little time for amuse-

ment so that you relieve possible tensions you are under. Co-workers are more cooperative now. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan a new course of ac-

tivity that will help you gain personal and business aima that are important to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Pursue goals of an idealistic nature and you can easily gain them. Take time to visit close ties in the evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure to keep promises made to family members. A new project needs more study before going ahead with it.

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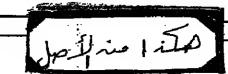
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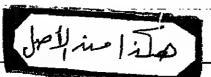
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PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Look over your environment and make plans for improvement in the future. A good friend could be helpful to you now.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will be one who can envision large projects and can make them work efficiently, so be sure to give your progeny as fine an education as you can to prepare for an important position in life. Give fine ethical training.

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MIDDEFEASI

In statement ending nine-day session

NC raps terrorism Lebanese conference

AASCUS, April 21 (R) — Palestinian National Councit ') -- parliament-in-exile -condemned terrorism, but t regarded Israel and the Unitates as those chiefly guilty of

e condemnation came in a ical statement issued by the which ended a nine-day sesin Damascus on Sunday, its for more than two years.

e statement, read to reps by PNC Speaker Khaled um, and incorporating a serf resolutions adopted by the on, declared that "the council gly condemned terrorism nternational terrorism."

idded that the main examples "organised official Zionist rism which is being exercised ist the Palestinian people, the tine Liberation Organisation)) and the Lebanese people, ell as American imperialist rism which is being excreised ist liberation movements throut the world."

was believed to be the first the council had denounced rism, even in this inttation, although PLO Cha-1 Yasser Arafat has spoken gainst it in the past.

> me groups within the PLO hijacked aircraft, although have said they do not regard is terrorism.

🚐 lestinian leaders have been sired by a recent statement by : National Security Adviser ard Allen wbo accused the of terrorism. Israel has alwnaintained the PLO is a tert organisation.

sterday's statement took a ied stand on the Middle East e initiative being prepared by European Economic Comity (EEC), but did not reject it ght as some radical Pal-

aid the PLO must pursue dip-___tic activities abroad, inc-Western Europe.

dded that any initiative shobased on rejection of the ponsored Camp David accbetween Israel and Egypt, cognition of the PLQ as sole entative of the Palestinian and of their right to establish their own state.

This was an apparent signal to the EEC that the PLO expected some kind of statement to this effect. None of the 10 EEC states has yet formally recognised the PLO.

The PNC has elected a new 15-man PLO executive contmittee which raised the strength of the moderate Fateh group from two to three while re-admitting the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) which had pulled out seven years ago.

The trade-off, which coincided with repeated calls for Palestinian national unity, was seen as the main move to close PLO ranks in the face of the threat to the organisation posed by the Camp David accords, signed in 1979.

Yesterday's statement urged Arah and Islamic countries, especially oil producing states, to push Western nations towards recognition of the PLO. There was no specific call for any drastic use of the oil weapon.

The statement welcomed a proposal earlier this year by Soviet president Leonid Brezhnev for an all-party conference on the Middle East.

It allacked U.S. plans for a Rapid Deployment Force to defend the Gulf against possible Soviet infiliration, and said that the Gulf and Red Sea region should be free of military bases and pacts.

On Lebanon, the statement rejected any kind of external intcrycniion, a clear reference to apparently defunct proposals by France and the U.S. to send an international force to end the fighting there or to involve the Uni-

It praised the role of the all-Svrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) which entered Lehanon to end the civil war there in 1976. The Syrian troops have clashed this month with rightist militianien in Beirut and east Lehanon.

The statement announced a plan to conscript Palestinians living outside Israeli-occupied territories into Palestinian forces and called on "Arab and friendly countries" to cooperate. It gave no details of bow the scheme would Kuwait hopeful about KUWAIT, April 21 (A.P.) -

Kuwait's foreign minister has said the Palestine Liberation Organisation had welcomed a Kuwaiti proposal for a round-table conference to discuss the Lebanese crisis and said Kuwait could convince Syria to attend, official sources bere reported.

"We are still waiting for the official reactions of the parties concerned in the Lebanese situation before extending official invitations for the meeting," Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said. The Kuwaiti minister, in an int-

erview with the Lebanese English-language weekly Monday Morning, invited all warring factions in Lebanon to hold roundtable conference in Kuwait. Sheikh Sabah's appeal came

after two weeks of intense fighting in Lebanon between Syrian peacekeeping forces and rightist miliuas in Beirut and east Lebanons city of Zahle. A shaky ceasefire had been in effect since April 8.

He said Palestine Liberation Organisation Chief Yasser Arafat had welcomed the proposal adding this reaction was seen as a positive step."

Officials here said Mr. Arafat had told the Kuwaiti minister that "The PLO is prepared to con-tribute to any effort aimed at res-

olving the Lebanese crisis."

The head of the PLO's political department was quoted as saying the Kuwaiti initiative would be 'taken by the executive committee when we receive an official invitation. Lebanon's rightist leader, Mr.

Camille Chamoun, leader of the Lebanese Rightist Coalition, said he could not consider a dialogue with Syria after yesterday's renewed clashes between Syrian forces and the rightist militia, however. Sheikh Sabah was quoted as

saying his government has "The ability to talk to Syrian leaders and convince them to attend the mee-He added that Kuwait had mai-

ntained "neutral relations with all parties involved in the Lebanese crisis and bore no enmity to any He said Kuwait's ambassador to Lebanon, Mr. Abdul Hamid Al

Buaiian had been asked to follow up contacts with Lehanon. The Arah League sanctioned the dispatch of some 40,000 Syr-

ian troops, to Lehanon to smother the 1975-76 civil war.

The Gulf states, scene of Thatcher's visit

theme

BAHRAIN, April 21'(R) - The Gulf states which British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is visiting this week are national variations on a common theme of oil and traditional Arab culture.

Each has its distinctive stamp, moulded by the particular history of its people and its oil industry.

Saudi Arabia, where Mrs. Thatcher started her Gulf tour, is a vast desert kingdom half the size of India hut with only seven million people. It produces 20 per cent of all the non-communist world's oil but is still struggling to provide schooling and basic services for many of its citizens.

Kuwait, which Mrs. Thatcher will visit later this year, is a city-state which bad fabulous oil wea-Ith in the 1950s when the Saudi oil industry was in its infancy. The city, in a triangle of desert on the Gulf coast, is a cluster of stylisb new blocks linked by tree-lined highways.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a federation of tiny communities whose ancestors were camel-berding nomads, fishermen, farmers or pirates. Only one of them, Ahu Dhabi, is a major oil producer, and there in less than 10 years a desert village has turned into a concrete city

which still has a distinctly unf-

inished air. Qman in the south of the Arahian Peninsula is a land of mountains and farming villages. During the 18th and 19th centuries it was the centre of an empire that stretched across the Indian ocean to east Africa and the sea, not the desert, gives it its character.

But Qatar is a desert peninsula of rock and sand jutting out into the Gulf, home before the oil boom to bedouin nomads and a few pearl-divers and fishermen and now another bustling city-

Bahrain, the sixth member of.

the community of Gulf states recently formalised as the Gulf Cooperation Council, is a small island with fertile agricultural lands which has also been a crossroads

All are traditional societies which until the last 50 years lived a life of quiet isolation, largely cut off by the desert from the rest of the Middle East.

for trade since ancient times.

All then shot to international fame and fortune when the West started to use their oil to fuel the economic boom that followed the Second World War. But the states are also poor in

almost all resources other than oil. Their populations are small and largely unskilled, water supplies are limited.

The combination of oil, lack of other resources, and sudden wea-Ith has given them all the same cluster of problems, though with a local twist in each,

All the Gulf countries have had

to import large numbers of foreigners to man their booming economies. After oil exporters pushed up prices fourfold in 1974 the Gulf states for the first time had massive sums of surplus revenues ot invest and they set to huilding modern cities with all amenities and luxuries where a generation before there bad stood only mud houses or palm-leaf buts.

But local labour and skills were not enough and now in some places the foreigners outnumber the

Rapid change, much of it concentrated over the last seven years, has strained traditional society, so that the new five-year development plan in Saudi Arabia speaks of "widespread concern in government and among citizens over the dangers of traditional culture and values being undermined by alien values and a spirit of mat-

You can be sure it's camel meat

Ever had a hamburger in Cairo?

By Magda Barisanga

O — Whips cracking, her-hopping and grunts abohopping and grandler, Cairo's camel market gets rway twice a week on a dusty icre (two-hectare) lot west of ity, where the calls of huyers sellers compete with the ات عنا الله groans.

er 1,000 of the one-humped edaries ramble around the ba market on Monday, the st day in what is said to be the I's largest camel souk.

tan N. 5. 3 bout 2,000 camels are sold teach week," said Sbeikh Ali Il-Qassim, a Sudanese camel

They as the

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carrying loads around the streets of Cairo and in the country, or giving rides at tourist attractions and posing for pictures, most of the camels at the Imbaba souk are headed for dinner tables and the carnivores' cages at the Cairo

About 90 per cent of the meat used in Egypt is camel meat," Mr. Abul-Qassim said with a conspiratorial grin. "Any time you order bamburgers or meatballs in a restaurant in Cairo you can be sure it's camel meat."

Because of the toughness of the meat, the animal's basically mean nature and the widespread image of camels as beasts of burden or

While a few camels can be seen tourist conveyances, most Egyptians have a horror of eating camel meat.

"Very often, if you don't know much about mean that's what you're buying at the hutcher's even if you think you're getting beef," said a butcher's agent who would not give his name. "It's

cheaper for him to buy camel." Meat prices, never low because of the cost of importing beef and lamb from as far away as Australia and New Zealand, rose rapidly last summer, reaching \$6.40 for a kilogramme.

President Anwar Sadat called for a month-long boycott of meat last September, and set a government ceiling of \$4 per kil- elv trade. Most of the agents and

ogramme at the end of the han. Butchers adhered to the fixed price briefly, but meat prices are now approaching five dollars a kilogramme.

Egyptians, with a per capita income of \$370 a year, can only afford meat as a luxury on special occasions, even at the lower price. Mr. Abul-Qassim said, "with

the traders at Imbaha selling the best quality camel still alive at \$2.2 per kilogramme, it follows that the hutchers find the government ceiling unrealistic."

Sheikh Ali and his brother Ibrahim have their offices at the market, one of 14 principal agents who set up there to handle the livsellers are Sudanese.

"There are about two or three million camels in the northern part of the Sudan. Each year some 70,000 are sent to Egypt," Sudan's largest market, making the 1.120 kilometres trip to its southern borders on boof, Mr. Abul-Qassim said. The remaining 800 kilometres to Cairo is covered by train or truck.

Ali and Ibrahim bring some 2,000 camels to Cairo each year, in 20 trips between the months of October and May, before the scorching summer heat sets in.

Egypt does not breed camels. About 4,000 of the camels brought to Egypt each year are left in the south where they are used as beasts of burden. Those who are no longer fit to work, and their offspring, cover Egypt's needs in the summer months.

Mr. Abul-Qassim said Sudanese mercbants buy the camels from the northern tribes for about \$640 for each prime beast. The same animal may fetcb \$1,000 in

"But you have to remember we don't only pay for the camel," said Mr. Abul-Qassim, 51, an agriculture graduate of Cairo university.

"The head driver... is a trail expert who charges about 300 dollars. Camel-herders helping bim cost about 140 dollars each. On top of that we provide them with their food for the journey, and any watering fees they may have to pay along the way," said Mr. Abul-Qassim.

At the Imbaba camel market. the animal's weight is part of the arduous bargaining process. There are no scales.

The seller will claim his camel weighs some 700 pounds, the buyer voucbes it is only 500, and a compromise is reached.

"Then the butcher takes the camels he's bought, sells them in his shop and to the tanneries, and comes back the next week to pay me, and take a fresh load he'll pay for the following week. There's a lot of good faith involved," said Mr. Abul-Oassim. (AP)

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Explosion rips Dubai hotel 48 hours before Thatcher's visit

DUBAI, April 21 (A.P.) — An explosion ripped aparı a ninth story service elevator in Dubai's Hyatt Regency hotel last night, 48 hours before British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's scheduled arrival here in the course of her Arab Peninsula tour. Police said two hotel employes were killed and several others wounded in the blast, the cause of which could not yet be determined. Mrs. Thatcher, who is due in the UAE capital of Ahu Dhahi this evening, will procede to visit Duhai tomorrow. Duhai is the main port of the UAE, a federation of seven Trucial States that were under Britain's protection until its east of Suez pullout in 1971. A British embassy spokesman in Dubai saw no reason to connect the explosion with Mrs. Thatcher's visit, "The Hyan Regency is not, and never was, on the prime minister's schedule and indeed her tour of the town will not take her near it," the spokesman said. He said, however, the embassy was keeping in close touch with the local police about the matter. "Mrs. Thatcher's visit is still going ahead," be said, "unless the police advises us differently as a result of its investigation." A month ago, a Syrian-owned restaurant in Dubai was the target of a bomb attack.

Egypt urges step-up of U.S. arms supplies

CAIRO, April 21 (R) — Egyptian Defence Minister Ahdel Halim Ahu Ghazala left for Washington today to urge the Reagan administration to step up arms supplies to Cairo. Defence ministry officials said Egypt was particularly interested in obtaining the American EC2 Hawkeye surveillance aircraft and air defence equipment. Gen, Ghazala would also disucss training for Egyptian pilots on U.S. F-16 jets, they said. President Anwar Sadat disclosed last week that he hoped to ohtain Hawkeye aircraft. "I do not want us to sit here hlind, just like sitting ducks," be told visiting American senators. The U.S. is Cairo's main weapons' supplier and is committed to provide Egypt with more than \$3 hillion in military aid. Deliveries so far have included F-4 Phantoms and M-60 tanks.

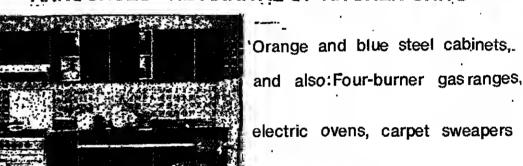
London court won't free Dubai sheikh of loan interest

LONDON, April 21 (R) - The London High Court has rejected arguments by a Dubai sheikh that Islamic law freed him from paying interest on a Eurodollar loan, lawyers for the main bank involved in the case said today. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Makioum, nephew of the ruler of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), bad filed a suit in an Abu Dhabi court asking that interest on the loan of \$15.7 million which he had already paid sbould be regarded as repayment. An international syndicate of banks, led by the National Bank of Abu Dhahi wbicb granted the loan, filed another suit in the London High Court claiming that the sheikh should pay interest because the loan agreement came under English law. Lawyers for National Bank of Abu Dhabi today said the London court last week rejected the sheikh's argument and, in a summary judgment, awarded the full amount due under the loan, principal and interest, plus costs, to the bank. According to bankers in Bahrain, it was the first case in which a Muslim had tried to invoke Islamic law on a foreign currency loan agreement.

Sudan, Djibouti to cooperate for peace, stability in Horn

KHARTOUM, April 21 (R) - Sudan and Djibouti called today for an end to foreign intervention in the Horn of Africa and agreed to work together for peace and stability in the area. A statement issued here at the end of a three-day visit hy Dilbouti President Hassan Gouled said that "the two sides have voiced a full and sincere commitment to finding suitable circumstances for attaining security, stability and understanding among the peoples of the Horn of Africa." The statement said President Gouled and his host. President Jaafar Numeiri, called for an end to foreign intervention in the Horn and stressed their support for the principles of co-existence and non-interference in internal affairs. On the problem of Chad, the two countries stressed the importance of finding a solution through the efforts of the committee of 12 set up by the Organisation of African Unity. President Gouled recently visited Kenya and the Horn countries of Ethiopia and





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ECONOMY

Kuwait drops premium demand, ending weeks of speculation

TOKYO, April 21 (R) - Kuwait has dropped a controversial demand that western oil companies pay a premium on top of its official price for oil, oil industry sources

said here today. The oil companies had refused to accept such premiums in negotiating new supply contracts with Kuwait saying they were uniustified because the market was well-supplied with crude.

Kuwait announced today that the negotiations with the oil companies had ended but details of the accord were not disclosed.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al Sabah told Reuters in Kuwait that the talks had been completed, adding "I hope we will sign soon." he declined further comment.

A spokesman for British Pet-

The central bank (Bundesbank)

roleum (BP), one of the companies involved, said in London that talks with Kuwait were heading towards a satisfactory conelusion but no formal agreement had been reached.

Spokesmen for two other companies involved, Gulf Oil of the U.S. and the Royal Dutch Shell Group, refused all comment.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly.

an od industry newsletter published in New York, said in this week's issue that Ruwait would not charge premiums in a series of new contracts it is about to conclude with Western oil companies.

The Japanese oil industry sources said agreement with Western oil companies might set the pace for similar negotiations that the Japanese oil companies Idemitsu Kosan Kaisha and Daikyo are holding with Kuwait.

The sources said that Kuwait this month stopped loading oil for the companies involved, although British Petroleum denied last week that supplies had been int-

Western and Japanese oil companies held out against paying premiums of one to three dollars a barrel on top of Kuwait's official price. \$35.50 apparently worried that surrender could tempt other members of OPEC to take a more militant line on crude oil pricing.

Falling demand because of recession and fuel-saving together with high output by some OPEC members, notably Saudi Arabia. has led to an oil glut developing on world markets, which has deoressed prices.

Kuwait OKs loan to Iraq

KUWAIT, April 21 (A.P.) - Kuwait's National Assembly today approved a government-sponsored bill for extending a big loan to Iraq to help it develop its war-strained economy, parliamentary

sources said. The sources, who did not wish to be identified, did not reveal the exact amount of the loan, but earlier reports put it at \$2

The National Assembly held an ordinary session in the morning, but later the crown prince and prime minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sahah, asked for a closed-door session to debate the bian bill.

Kuwait's well-informed Al Rai Al Am newspaper reported last week that four Arab Gulf states had pledged a total of \$14 billion

The paper quoted well-informed sources in Abu Dhabi as saying Saudi Arabia had pledged So billion. Kuwait \$4 billion, the United Arab Emirates \$3 billion and Qatar, \$1 billion.

Gulf states agreed on the loans to help boost Iraq's economy and complete its development projects, despite the seven-month war with Iran, the paper said.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON. April 21 (R) - Equities closed easier with last week's record levels attracting some profit taking and at 15:00 the FT ... Index was down 3.9 at 564.6 having touched 564.4.

Selling pressure was moderate and some short covering left a few issues above the day's lows. Falls on the day ranged to around Spamong leading issues. Government bonds rose as much as half

a point in thin trading, dealers said. Gold shares and Canadian stocks closed mixed while U.S.

West German banks wince from financial squeeze

By Ron Alpe

and the government feel interest FRANKFURT (R) - West rates need to be high to attract German banks, which have played money from abroad to help fina large part in the country's posance a huge balance-of-payments twar economic miracle, are wingap. Last February the Buneing from a squeeze on profits. desbank reluctantly pushed Ger-Of the big three Frankfurt finman interest rates sharply higher

to shore up the mark against the ance houses, only the biggest, strong dollar, . Deutsche Bank, can look back on .a successful 1980. Com-Deutsche Bank, which has a big merzbank. West Germany's lead on its competitors in savings third largest bank, has had to tell and chequing accounts, alone managed to shrug off the squeeze and even raised its dividend sliits shareholders they will be receiving no dividend, and Dresdner ghtly after 1980 group profits rose to 457 million marks (\$213 mil-Bank his trimmed its payout by a third.

Part of the troubles stem from the tight-money policies of the Dresdner Bank, however, cut central banking authorities which its dividend from nine marks to six have meant that commercial 1\$2.80), a move that was unpbanks had to pay high interest recedented in its postwar history rates to refinance cash they had and indeed in the history of any previously lent to customers. West German bank, A managing

board spokesman. Mr. Hans Friderichs, said the reduced payout. coupled with a recently announced issue of new shares, will help give the bank room for further expansion.

Commerzbank is in worse straits, for even with no divident payout it has a net profit of only 34 million marks (\$16 million) to play with, compared with 126 million (S58.6 million) in 1979,

The Bundesbank's tight monetary policy hit Commerzbank worst of all, partly because it had gone aggressively for growth and made too many long-term loans at a fixed rate of interest.

Many banks also had to reduce the value of stocks and bonds in their investment portfolios in a year when the domestic bond market was often in disarray and the stock markets frequently

under a cloud.

The signs are that banks have learnt their lesson, recalling us far as possible their long-term loans and only signing new deals if the terms are right. The days of growth at any price seem to be

The current year may not bring much relief for the banks unless there is a sudden and unexpected change in Bundesbank policies. In fact the central bank has tig-

hrened its credit squeeze, driving up interest rates by about three percentage points since it termporarily suspended its lombard lending "window" to the commercial banks on February 19 and replaced it with a special lombard facility which it opens and closes at

The aim was to help the warning mark against the strong dollar, a

tactic which proved successful. But the financial squeeze again hit the banks.

In response to a growing clamour for West Gernian banks to sell their holdings in industrial concerns, some have acted to raise eash by shedding shares. Dresdner sold part of its holding in the Frankfurt-based metals and chemicals concern metallgesellschaft to Kuwait, and together with Commerzbank it disposed of most of its holding in the Kauthof store

group.
Only Commerzbank has made high-level changes in personnel. bringing in Walter Seipp from Westdeutsche Landesbank of Duesseldorf as its new chairman to replace Robert Dhom.

Certain sectors of West German banking proved resilient to the problems of 1980, for instance bank in this sector, Munich-based Bayerische Hypotheken-und Weehsel Bank, was forced this week to cut its dividend. Deutsche Bank said its suc-

mortgage loans. Yet a prominent

cessful results were due to a moderate increase in business volume. In its annual report the bank said extra capital raised in 1979 was used to expand credit business. concentrating on loans with flexible conditions. A spokesman for the joint man-

agement board. Mr. Wilhelm Christians, said the bank in 1980 emphasised carnings before expansion, and short and medium terni credits rather than long term.

He said results improved largely because of a bigger surplus on interest, and profits from transactions in securities, foreign exchange and precious metals.

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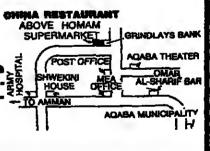
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Nature's mummies along the Silk Road

By Li Xiu

ne ancient Egyptians developed e skills of preserving their dead onarchs, nobles and priests into high art.

But the ancient inhabitants of e deserts of northwest China, ing along the famed "Silk Rid which channelled Chinese v ks to Europe through Asia, left all to nature.

. The Egyptian mummies were sated with embalming fluids and her preservatives, then claprately wrapped and sealed in iskets. The bodies buried on the inges of the Taklimakan Desert China's present-day Xinjiang ygur autonomous region, hower, dried out naturally.

Nearly 1,000 Xinjiang mumnies buried in some 400 graves ave been unearthed by ventieth-century archaeologists. ttensive excavations began for ater conservancy projects, fariland reclamation and od proecting.

. The findings, mainly in Turpan nd Hami prefectures and Mineng country, represent a span of istory from primitive society datng back 3,000 years to the Qing lynasty two centuries ago. In recnt months the dried corpses and rticles buried with them have een exhibited in a number of hinese cities, including the Xiniang capital of Urumqi, Shanghai nd Beijing.

These natural mummies are generally one-fourth to one-fifth of their original weight. The skin bas turned brittle and hard. Hair, eyes, nose, mouth, ears. fin-gernails and toenails and even internal organs are all well preserved.

They may be transported and kept easily, 'so long as you keep them away from places that are too wet," according to Mr. Wu Zhen, an archaeologist at the Xin-jiang Museum. "They will get moldy if you are careless."

Primary discoveries to date include a mditary commander and his wife who died 1,300 years ago, another couple buried some 1.800 years ago and a young woman thought to bave died in ber twcnties about 3,000 years ago.

Many relics have been unearthed with the bodies, including silks and brocades, mural paintings and wooden figurines which give testimony to the brilliance of ancient Chinese culture, and Persian coins and their imitations which recall the commercial contacts between China and Central

The bodies usually were wrapped with silks or other clotb, and the faces covered with gauze. Some had gold, silver or copper coins placed in their mouths.

To ensure the dead a calm sleep beneath the earth, sometimes a fierce-looking animal statue was installed by the grave as a guard, The body of Gen. Zhang Xiong,

identified by a thick stone tables can still be discerned bearing a 900-word cpitaph, was. found at the east of the Turpan depression in September 1973. In line with local custom, he and his wife had been buried together in

one grave. The Turpan depression, on the north course of the Silk Road, bas the lowest altitude in the world --150 metres below sea level at its lowest point. The depression is shielded from cold winds by the Tianshan Mountains, and the beat which budds up from solar radiation is not easily dispersed. The ground becomes so hot that an egg buried in the sand for two hours will cook. At midday, local peasants escape the heat in cool cellars dug three metres down bencath their houses.

The graves here are easily spotted -- pdes of earth covered by pebbles. The corpses undoubtedly dried quickly, especially those buried no deeper than four or fivemetres down, substantially higher than the underground water table.

Gen. Zhang Xiong, the highest mditary commander of a border state which was conquered by the Tang dynasty and turned into an administrative region in 640 A.D., is thought to have died at around

His body, estimated to have been 1.80 metres tall when he was alive, was buried positioned as if he were astride a horse to illustrate his mditary career. His greying hair, eyebrows and beard

In addition, a total of 65 linked graves of several generations of Gen. Zhang Xiong's family are

A couple from the eastern Han dynasty, 1,800 years ago, was discovered buried at Mingfeng to the south of the Taklimakan Desert, an important place on the south course of the Silk Road.

The Xinjiang Museum sent a team there in October 1959 based on information from oil workers. The weather was bad when the archaeologisis arrived; the wind was blowing the shifting sands and visibility was less than 20 metres. But they spotted an exposed leg of a rectangular wooden chest,

which turned out to be a coffin. The chest was covered with 70 centimetres of sand and wrapped with a mostly-decayed blanket woven of woolen rope. It also was

tied up with willow twigs. A piece of silk covered the two bodies inside from head to foot. A knined blanket beneath them was badly decayed. The archaeologists could see that the man had a big nose and prominent cheekbones. The woman had plaited hair, and her head rested on a pillow in the shape of a cock, symbolizing that she should rise before dawn. A bow and a quiver containing

four wooden arrows were placed

on the man's body. Two small pieces of gold were placed on his face. one on his right eyebrow and the The clotbing is all of brocade, other on his right eye. The woman wore jewelry: a necklace of black,

This is the dried-up body of Gen. Zhang Xiong, the highest military commander of a border state who

died 1,800 years ago. He was found buried in the Turpan depression, on the way of the Silk Road.

red, golden and söver-coloured beads made of coloured glass and coral stone, and a copper ring on her right index finger which had rusted.

Beside her pillow was a rattan case containing some sidk thread, two wooden combs, an embroidered powder bag and a bronze mirror in another embroidered

satins and siks thought to be tra-

nsported from China's interior, though the weaving, embroidery and tadoring all have local flavour. The husband's brocade robe is decorated with red, vellow and blue designs. Arcbaeologists dated the bodies on the basis of

While the couple's undergarments are badly decayed and discoloured, the silk and satin clothes have endured well, attesting to the good quality of these anc-

the silks and bronze mirror.

ient Chinese fabrics. These two mummies were displayed in Urumgi in the fall of 1980 and drew about 1,000 visitors a day.

The oldest mummy unearthed so far in Xinjiang was a woman buried on her side in a public cemetery in Hami prefecture.

Carbon-14 dating of the wood plank covering the corpse placed it as about 3,000 years old, from the latter stage of primitive society in Xinjiang (equivalent to the Wes-

tern Zhou dynasty on China's central plain].

The corpse is purplish brown and so well preserved that even finger and tocnails are intact. The head is covered with golden hair. and plaits are still distinguishable. although dishevelled. Eyebrows and pubic hair can still be seen as well. The eyes are not sunken, the lips not shrivelled.

An autopsy of the body showed that even the internal organs are intact and in normal positions.

This woman was clothed in a costume of red. green, brown and black woolen fabrics decorated with floral and striped designs. Unearthed with her were some wooden mensils, pottery and stone artifacts, regarded as imporiant to the study of the origin and migration of nationalities in Xinjiang.

The cemetery in which she was buried covers 5.000 square metres. Initial excavations have already revealed 29 graves in rectangular earthen pits.

Each corpse was placed on top of a layer of wooden plank and a woolen blanket, covered with another wooden plank and then surrounded by earthen bricks.

Archaeologists are continuing their work along the Silk Road. and undoubtedly will uncover more of these mummies, left to modern researchers thanks to the region's hot, arid climate.

(China features)



This golden-baired woman died 3,000 years ago, at the latter stage of primitive society in Xinjiang. The mummy is so well-preserved that even finger and toenails are intact.

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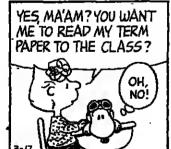
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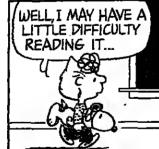
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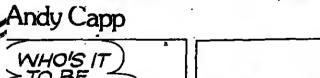
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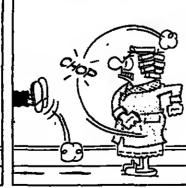






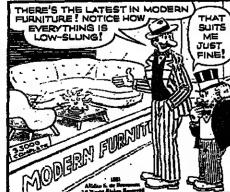




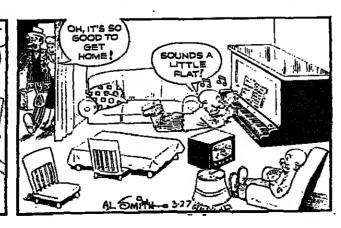




Mutt 'n' Jeff







GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN (1981 by Chicago Tribune

Neither vulnerable. South NORTH

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Some losers, like death, are inevitable. However, controlling when you are going to lose a trick can make an important difference to your contract. Consider this hand from a Swiss Team match at the recent Fall North American Championships, held in Lancaster, Pa.

The hidding followed a simdar course at the two tables. West's jump overcall was of the weak variety that has become virtually standard, and North's hand was not good enough to act immediately. Since North had

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PLEEX

FIRGE

DOLBIE

YARDOP

Print answer here: A [

not yet bid, South's reopening double was for takeout. not penalties. North judged well when he valued his band as worth a shot at game. The ten of diamonds was

led at both tables, and the early play was identical. Both declarers won the queen of diamonds in dummy and both made the percentage play of a low trump to the eight. Then they parted ways.

At one table declarer continued by crossing back to dummy with the ace of diamonds to lead a second spade. East rose with the ace, led a club to West's ace return. Eventually, East collected a heart trick for down

The other declarer realized that there was a possibility of a diamond ruff. Since he had to lose a club anyway, he immediately led the king. That had a dramatic effect on the outcome of the hand. West won the ace of clubs

and continued with a diamond. Declarer won the ace in dummy and led a trump. and the defenders were helpless. East rose with the ace, but he bad no way to reach his partner to secure a diamond ruff. Declarer was able to hold his losers to one in each suit except diamonds.

By playing a club early, declarer severed communications between the defenders' hands. The technical name for this play is a "Scissors Coup.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: AUDIT MESSY INNATE FIDDLE

Somatimas agen on cars when the traffic has been dense—DENTS

by Hanri Arnoid and Bob Lee

THE BETTER HALF, By Vinson

"You made a typo . . . you wrote 'chocolate fudge, when you clearly meant 'chocolote SLUDGE.' "

THE Daily Crossword by N. E. Campbell

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Scotland Yard: 'We have no idea why it started'

Rioting erupts in 3 London Easter fairs

LONDON, April 21 (Agencies) — Residents in three areas of London were clearing up today after hundreds of youths, most of them black, rioted at

But the government-funded Commission for Racial Equality said the violence was not connected with the riots in the multi-racial south London district of Brixton 10 days ago in which some 150 police officers were injured and more than 200 people arrested.

"Brixton was a completely separate affair from this Easter violence which seems to recur each year and is common to both black and white young people," a commission spokesman said.

The violence began last night at fairgrounds at Finsbury Park in north London. Wanstead in east London and Ealing Common in West London, sprcading to surrounding streets, police said.

"We have no idea why the incident started," a Scotland Yard spokesman said. "A group of black youths started throwing stones at officers."

The worst incidents were at Finsbury Park where several hundred black youths smashed lightbulbs and windows and then began throwing stones and other missiles at police, Scotland Yard Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Radley said.

From the park they ran into the streets and various splinter groups began stoning police, attacking passers-by, breaking windows and stealing from shops," Mr. Radley said.

Police arrested 91 people and 32 members of the

police officers.

Easter holiday fairs, injuring more

than 80 people, including at least 50

public were taken to hospital with injuries. In Ealing, 16 kms from Finsbury Park the regular Easter fair there, organised mainly by whites, was closed early after trouble flared, "Some 300 black youths ran among through the fairgrounds' said a police spokesman.

Mr. Radley said there were similar disturbances at Ealing Common and Wanstead where 200 to 300 black youths broke shop windows and damaged police vehicles. Sixteen arrests were made.

"The attacks appear to have been indiscriminate as not only police officers hut also passers-by were attacked." Mr. Radley said.

There has been trouble at London fairgrounds on previous holidays but police said it had never been

as bad as vesterday. Barhados-born Jeff Crawford, senior community

relations officer for Harringay Borough which include Finsbury Park, said that high unemployment, hlamed by many community leaders for the Brixton riots, was not a root cause of last night's violence. He compared the young blacks with mobs of while youths who went on the rampage in four

British seaside resorts over the weekend, when police made more than 200 arrests. "I think what happened last night was that there

was a gang of lawless pack of youths just off their heads." he said.

Easter Sunday.

Chattahoochee

ATLANTA, April 21 (A.P.) - A body was found yesterday afternoon in the Chattahoochee

River, where two of the 24 young

blacks slain here since July 1979

were pulled from the muddy wat-

ers just a month ago, authorities said. The 24th victim was found

The Fulton County police department said the body was dis-

covered in the river southwest of

here at the boundary between Ful-

ton and Douglas counties. He said

it had not been determined whe-

ther the body was that of an adult

Medical examiners meanwhile

have said that 15-year-old Joseph

Bell probably died of asphyxiation.

The youngster was slain, stripped

and dumped into the South River.

His decomposed body was found

floating face-down in an isolated

beod of the suburban river oo

Atlanta police **WORLD NEWS BRIEFS** find 3rd body in

Havana releases four American sailors

WASHINGTON. April 21 (A.P.) — Cuhan authorities have released four American sailors who were takeo into custody on Sunday after their bout inadvertently strayed into Cuban waters. the U.S. State Department announced. Spokesman David Nall said the four were turned over to Mr. Wayne Smith, the head of the U.S. interests section in Havana at 3 p.m. local time vesterday. The sailors, all from the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, will fly to the United States today, Mr. Nall said.

Italian financier convicted for bail-jump

NEW YORK, April 21 (R) - Italian financier Michele Sindona was convicted yesterday of jumping hail to avoid trial on bank fraud charges, on which he was eventually sentenced for 25 years. Sentencing was set for June 1, when more years could be added to his prison term. Mr. Sindona, 60, disappeared on Aug. 2, 1979. just before he was due to be tried on charges of swindling millions of dollars from the Franklin National Bank, a Long Island bank which he owned and collapsed. It is one of the biggest bank swindlings in U.S. history. He appeared three months later claiming that he had been kidnapped by extremists interested in getting material to be used against Italy's ruling Christian Democratic Party. He stood trial and was sentenced to 25 years on hank fraud charges. But later investigations proved he was not kidnapped but fled United States to avoid prosecution.

Alitalia pilots end strike but...

ROME, April 21 (R) — Alitalia flights resumed today following a seven-day Easter pilots' strike over a pay claim but air travel to and from Italy faced further disruption from controllers and groundstaff. Counter staff and baggage handlers at Rome's two airports were staging a 24-hour strike today, causing long check-in and boarding delays. Alitalia said. Air traffic controllers said they would also stop work for four hours on Thursday and all day on April 30 to back their pay claim. Alitalia said that the pilots' strike forced it to cancel at least 60 per cent of its domestic and intemational flights over the busy holiday period.

Police shoot dead 10 in south India

NEW DELHI, April 21 (R) - Police shot dead ten people and wounded nine after being attacked by a violent crowd of tribesmen in a south Indian village last night, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said today. PTI, quoting official reports, said one policeman was killed and more than 20 were injured at Indervalli village in Andhra Pradesh state by a crowd of 5,000 armed with sticks, axes. sickles and knives. Violence erupted after the tribesmen, said to belong to an extremist organisation, staged a march in defiance of an official ban on demonstrations in the village, 34 kilometres from Adilabad. Police said the ban was imposed to prevent possible violence between the tribal organisation and a rival nontribal group which had planned to meet at the same place.

OPENING of Flowers, Fish and **Birds Land**

We are glad to announce to the public the opening of Flowers, Fish and Birds Land at the Interior Ministry Circle (on the second floor, above the MEDCO automatic car wash) on Thursday, April 23.

Visitors can see a wide variety of flowers, domestic plants, flower pots and vases, electrical fountains for indoor use, ceramic and wax vases and ornaments, furniture for gardens and verandas, pet fish and aquariums, various birds, pigeons, peacocks and gazelles.

Circle of Interior Ministry, Jabal Al-Hussein P.O. Box 2447

Sands' demand for political status

Thatcher says 'No'

RIYADH, April 21 (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said today she regretted a hunger strike by jailed Irish Republican guerrilla Bobby Sands but said there was no question of giving him the status of political prisocer which he has been seeking.

"There is no question of granting political status for someone who is serving a sentence for a crime," Mrs. Thatcher told a news conference on the last day of a visit to Saudi Arabia. "To do that would be to put many other people in jeopardy.'

Mr. Sands is serving 14 years for illegal possession of firearms and was elected this month as a member of the British parliament from Northern Ireland. He has been fasting for 51 days to back his demand that Irish Republican prisoners he granted special status as political

Mrs. Thatcher said three members of parliament from the Irish Republic who had visited the hunger striker at the Maze prisoo near Belfast yesterday should make representations about the matter through their owo government. She said it was not her habit to discuss directly with parliamentarians of another country cases involving United Yingdom citizens inside the United Yingdom.

Mrs. Thatcher said she regretted the hunger strike and hoped that for his own sake Mr. Sands would end his protest. She said Northern Ireland had a very humane prison system and added that prisoners opposed to wearing prison clothes were the mselves trying to achieve the trappings of political status.

Shahi meets Haig in U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 21 (R)

— Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi conferred for about four hours yesterday proposed new U.S. aid for Pakistan.

As the talks proceeded, the Soviet news media attacked possible closer security arrangements between the United States and Pakistan as a threat to Pakistan's neighbours --India, Afghanistan and Iran.

Mr. Shahi declined to talk to reporters after the State Department talks and officials said only that the discussions had been wide-ranging.

He is scheduled to meet Mr.

Haig again today as well as Vice-President George Bush.

The meeting was the first top-level contact between the Reagan administration and Pakistan's military government, which is seeking to huy U.S. arms at discount pri-

"We pretty much covered the waterfront," said one participant in the talks, adding that some decisions might be made later, depending on the progress of the discussions.

The administration is reported to have offered Pakistan \$500 million in military and economic aid. Pakistan needs to improve its military forces but is also concerned about maintaining its non-aligned status, officials said.

Tokyo orders enquiry into radiation leak.

TOKYO. April 21 (R) — The Japanese government today ord-ered an immediate investigation into a hitherto undisclused radlation leak to which 56 workers were exposed at a nuclear power plant.

Although the owners of the plant in western Japan said that the workers were subjected to only harmless doses of radiation. lahour ministry officials were again checking the amount they actually received.

The accident, the most serious in the 15-year-old history of Japan's nuclear power industry. will provide ammunition to the vociferous anti-nuclear cantpaign in Japan which frequently mounts demonstrations at nuclear energy

Industry Minister Rokusuke Tanaka, who oversees Japan's 22 nuclear plants, said the govemment was considering what action to take against the plant because it had failed to report the leak on March 8 as regulations req-

Meanwhile the president of the Japan Atomic Power Company. which owns the plant, said he would take full responsibility for the accident. The president, Mr. Shunichi Suzuki, has already admitted that the company was grossly and inexcusably negligent in falling to report the leak.

The Labour and industry ministries and the national police all started investigations of the incident at Tsuruga on the Sea of Japan for possible violations of various laws and regulations.

7 South Asian

nations confer

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, April 21

(A.P.) - Sri Lanka's Foreign

Mmister Shahul Hameed today underscored a mood of confidence

that some kind of association of

South Asian nations would eme-

rge out of the Colombo con-

ference of regional foreign sec-

retaries, which he formally ope-

high level of bilateral activity and

existing forms of cooperation, the

task ahead is really one of putting these pieces together in a cohesive and productive whole," he said.

Delegations led by the foreign

secretaries of India, Pakistan,

Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal,

Bhuian and the Maldives are att-

ending the Colombo meeting

which observers expect would

pave the way for a foreign min-

isters meeting and an eventual

summit that could result in an

ASEAN type of grouping of South

"Given our commonality, our

ned here yesterday.

occurred when radioactive waste water poured onto the floor of the plant after a storage tank valve was mistakenly left open. Eight workers in the plant

The company said the accident

began to clean the water up with buckets and mops and were joined later by 48 men provided by a subcontractor. The company said that the average total dose of radiation rec-

and the highest dose received was 155 millirems. Japanese government regulations provide for a maximum of 3.000 millirems per person over

eived by the men was 10 millirems

three months. The leak was only discovered at the weekend when government inspectors making spot checks found abnormally high levels of radiation on the seabed a kil-

On April 1, the government announced that the plant had expcrienced minor leaks of reactor coolant water on two occasions last January.

ometre from the plant.

SPORTS NEWS BRIEFS

Blind man, 71, begins 5,800-km bicycle race

PALO ALTO, California, April 21 (A.P.) — Thomas Dickey, 71 years old and legally blind, today began a cross-country bicycle ride which he hopes will put him in Amherst, Massachusetts, in time for his college reunion. Dickey and 24-year-old Chris Sammartano, who will graduate from Amherst this year, expect in cover the 5,800 kms in about six weeks on their tandem hicycle The trip occurred to Dickey as "...a wild idea. But then I began 🕍 think, why not?" He tried to find him a partner for the journey. and Sammartano, who had a free semester, volunteered. "I that ught it would be a great thing to do, 'said Sammartago, who have been just an occasional bike rider. Dickey, a retired teacher with forced to switch from regular bikes to tandems when his vision deteriorated in 1975. He pays students from nearby Stanford University to ride with him, and has logged more than 10,000 kms in one year. If they keep to their schedule, the pair should arrive just in time for Dickey's reunion, set for June 6. "I'm looking forward to it, and believe me, no-one will be gladder to get there than I will," said Dickey.

Double-leg amputee wins Boston Marathon

BOSTON, April 21 (A.P.) - Jim Martinson rolled to a quick lead, theo avoided a collision with a horse yesterday to win the wheelchair portion of the 85th Boston Marathon. Martinsoo, runner-up last year in his first Boston Marathon, beat fellow American and defending champion Curt Brinkman, by more than six minutes, crossing the finish line in 2:00:41 seconds his chair three-quarters of a mile from the finish when he swerved to avoid a car, edged another American Boh Hall. Brinkman finished in 2:07.05 and Hall Inn 2:07:29. "Nobody ever passed me," said Martinson a resident of the Seattle suburb. "I knew by the fifth mile that it would be awful hard to catch me. And encouragement from the crowd was fantastic. I was so excited that I had tears in my eyes." The wheelchair competitors were given a 15-minute head start to avoid the confusion of competing with nearly 7,000 striders entered in this year's marathon. But confusion found them anyway. About four miles from the finish line. Martinson said, a horse ridden by a policeman ran in front of him. "I almost ran over it and I had to swerve around to keep going, said Martinson, a double-leg amputee who has been on a wheelchair

Promoter Brenner's beef with WBC in

NEW YORK, April 21 (A.P.) - Boxing promoter Teddy Brenner, pursuing his anti-trust lawsuit against the World Boxing Council and its president, has alleged that promoter Don King reneged in their 1979 arrangement involving the rights to champion fighter Alexis Arguellu. In a pre-trial deposition read yesterday in U.S. district court, Brenner said he and King agreed on the championship services of Arguello before the boxer successfully defended his super featherweight title against Alfrea Escalera in Italy in February 1979. Brenner said he was to pay King \$25,000 and retain exclusive rights to Arguello's title defences. He said, however, that he later learned that King had changed the agreement, so Brenner stopped payment in the \$25,000 check. In May 1979 Brenner was suspended by Jose Sulaiman, president of the WBC. Brenner's lawsuit seeks to have the Mexico City-based WBC dissolved in the United States, in addition to \$3 million in monetary damages. He contends his suspension was an illegal move to stop him from promoting WBC fights and to deprive hint of making a living. Sulaiman and the WBC have denied the charges. They claim Brenner was suspended for refusing to register with the commission or to attempt to have his differences resolved.

Little love for Giscard in the Vosges

The first round of the French presidential election takes place on April 26. Terry Dodsworth visited the Vosges region, the heart of the depressed French textile industry, to gauge the mood.

trying not to think," says Mr. Jacques Dehry, head of SNPP, one of the two textile companies which support the small town of Chatel, near Epinal, in the Vosges.

"Our future depends on the government, because we are unahle to compete with the costs of overseas producers. The French textile industry is dead -- and it's not me that says it, it's the fig-

All his costs - raw materials. energy and salaries -- have gone up in the past year, he says. His prices have gone down to such an extent that each kilo he sells is adding to his losses.

Mr. Dehry, a former Second World War resistance fighter, is a natural supporter of the traditional post-war Gaullist right. Like many other voters in this strongly conservative region, he accepied President Valery Giscard d'Estaing seven years ago as preferable to Mr. Francois Mitterrand, the Socialist candidate.

But he has been deeply disappointed by the industrial record of the present liberal Govemment. "I cannot vote again for people who are destroying me,"

What makes the crisis in the textile industry particularly important in the present election campaign is that it can be related directly to the liberalising economic policies of President Giscard and Mr. Raymond Barre, his prime minister. As a recent parliamentary report on the industry vividly illustrated, the government's central economic doctrines isolate it from most currents of French industrial thinking.

The Vosges weaving industry has remained relatively conservative and close to rural traditions. Even today, maoy small

"We are living from day to day. farmers and their wives work in the mills, splitting the morning and afternoon shifts and milking the cows in between. Although the companies argue they have invested heavily in recent years, they

The crisis came suddenly, about a year ago. For the past two decades, the Vosges manufacturers, specialists in grey woven cloth which generally goes elsewhere to be finished, have been in difficulties, gradually shedding lahour and rationalising production. But in 1980, imports began to rise. consumption dropped, and prices fell through the floor.

Most Vosges manufacturers are

low the May election.

Where the Gaullists, Socialists and even Communists are in agreement is in calling for much more intervention to shore up the traditional sectors.

Because of an alliance between technocrats and liberals in the government, such industries as textiles are being ahandoned, argues Mr. Philippe Seguin, the MP for Epinal, one of the two Gaullist seats in the four Vosges textile

political impact of the kind of policy they were conducting towards

Similarly, Mr. Christian Pierrel, the lone Socialist MP in the region, argues for a determined government-hacked effort to put the industry back on its feet. "We oppose the idea that industry can be pushed into specialised niches and traditional sectors left to die." he says. "Strong companies dep-end on a diversified industrial

opean Community and enter France at prices the domestic conpanies cannot match. President Giscard's volte-face is the action of a seasoned politiciar. smelling electoral danger. It comes too late to save several companies, and will not solve many underlying unemployment

igned to propel French industry into the technology expected to

Since then, the government has

stepped up its intervention, taking

up the issue of cheap imports and

moving to stop Eastern Europear

or Third World garments being

re-labelled elsewhere in the Eur-

dominate the 21st century.

problems. But the measures do answer the erities on a number of points! Some five per cent of clothes in France are believed to come in under false labels; curhing such imports should give the industry a. breathing space. Similarly, the investment aids will undoubtedly

help some larger, more forwardlooking companies. Some textile industrialists, convinced they will continue to be sacrificed -- if rather more slowly in the future -- to the twin gods of free enterprise and high technology, want more full-blooded protection. "We have to be protected against countries where working methods are less wellpoliced than here," says Mr. Georges Favre, head of the Epinal textile manufacturers' association. "In most of its traditional man-

ufacturing. Europe is not competitive. That goes for coal, steel and agriculture, and all of those are protected. Why not textiles?" The main vote is still likely to go to the right, but remforcing the

Gaullists in the first round as a protest against President Giscard's policies. In the second round the right

him just a majority. This, at least, is the belief of one of the most authoritative people in Epinal:

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Mr. Francois Mitterrand, the principal contender now as in 1974 campaigning.

have clearly not achieved the streamlined methods of their most successful overseas competitors.

This is exactly the sort of industrial structure that Mr. Barre has been aiming to modernise over the past four years. No longer sheltered by the government, with the frontiers opened up to both the Third World and the highly rationalised U.S. industry, the Vosges manufacturers have inevitably suffered.

According to the Barre criteria, they are now paying the penalty for low productivity and an inability to compete.

Chatel a small town highly depends on the Textile industry is anxiously waiting for the new government to have a new constituencies.

small to medium-size family concerns. Many have gone into liquidation. In the past year, more than 3,000 jobs have been lost in an industry directly employing 21,000, while 6,000 more workers are on short time. Virtually eve-

"The technocrats have been more interested in nuclear power than women working on sewing machines," he says, "while the liberals believed in excessive freedom for market forces. What neither side saw was the social and

otics industry without machine tools, and you will not create a fashion industry without textiles." Late last year the government

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began to change course. The first sign came when President Giscard. demonstrating a masterful ability to make a U-turn look like the straight at Le Mans, calmly assured the nation that "textiles innovation" had become a strategic industry. Thus, like microelectronics or off-shore eogineering it becomes eligible for special aids under a scheme des-

will rally to the president, giving Mr. Seguin, the Gaullist MP